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B. CHARTERTON WILCOX.

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THE DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 6th, 1878.

It is gratifying to note the frequent public

appearances of the sovereign of Japan. His

Majesty the Mikado is undoubtedly a man of

the time. His reign has been a conspicuous

departure from the traditions of

past monarchs, who isolated themselves from

their subjects and expected to be worshipped

as gods. The overthrow of the Shogunate

and the restoration of the MIKADO's power

brought the present monarch not only actually

to the helm of affairs, but to the front. Formerly

scarcely an entity, the MIKADO is now a

visible, speaking fact. He is seen of all men, his

features are familiar to the masses, and he is,

in fact, a public character. The EMPEROR

makes frequent appearances in public, and

displays a most laudable interest in the

education of the weaker sex. "THE MIKADO

is, and very wisely, a promoter of education.

His Government has spent, and is still

spending, a good deal of money in engaging

foreign professors to instruct the youth of

Japan in the languages, medicine, arts,

and sciences of the West. The other day

His Majesty presided at the opening of a

new Agricultural College at Komaba, on

which occasion he made a very sensible and

appropriate little speech. He expressed a

conviction that agriculture was the foundation

of the prosperity of Japan and considered

that in order to bring about the proper

development of the resources of the soil it

was necessary that attention should be given

to the study of science. Young Japan is not

content to follow in the old ruts; it is pre-

pared to strike out new lines. The interest

shown publicly by the sovereign in the wel-

fare of his subjects is one of the most

pleasing proofs of the progress made by

the Japanese. In nothing does the contrast

between China and Japan stand out more

prominently than in the mutual relations

subsisting in either country between rulers

and the ruled. The Emperor of Japan iden-

tifies himself with the common weal, appears

among his subjects, and presides at festivities

and on other public occasions. The Emperor

of China (whether civil or man) immured

within a gilded palace, and surrounded

by all that can render his life and dominion

glorious the vast empire over which he bears

reigns through more or less corrupt ministers,

and never sees anything of the joys or sor-

rows, the prosperity or suffering of his people.

He is a despot, but has no real power; and

the present civil Emperor is a gilded puppet

in whose name two women exercise imperial

power according to their own caprice.

The discovery of gold in a new country has

a talismanic effect upon the work of coloniza-

tion. The most thriving colonies of Aus-

tralia owe most of their prosperity to the

rich deposits of the precious metal which

have been found in that favoured land.

California received its first start through

the same agency, and Otago is also in-

debted for its prosperity to gold. The gold

digger is not to be deterred by climate,

or daunted by the hostility of natives. Pre-

pared to bear any hardship, he is likewise

content to face any danger. The discovery

of gold in New Guinea will, therefore, be

certain to speedily attract emigration to that

island. Already prospecting expeditions are

being fitted out in Melbourne and Sydney, and

will start very shortly for Port Moresby. Mr.

LAWSON, a missionary, has published the news

of this great and valuable discovery. The

metal has been found both in quartz and in the

sand of a river bed, and is said to be very good

in quality. It has long been suspected that

gold existed in New Guinea, and this dis-

covery is therefore not so surprising as it

might otherwise have been. It has, how-

ever, caused a good deal of excitement in

Australia, and there is likely to be a rush

whenever confirmation of the report is re-

ceived. Mr. LAWSON strongly deprecates any

rush until after the rainy season. He says—

"Nothing can be done until after the wet

season. I know the country well, having

lived three years in the district, and I would

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